but also provide a reasonable margin of profit to give incentive to farmers for investment and adoption of improved technology. No fixed margin of profit as such is included in the prices fixed in respect of different crops. The cost of production covers not only all paid-out costs but also imputed value of owned eassts including a .land and family labour for which the farmers do not incur cash expenses.

Bungling in Consumer Federation

1365. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased | to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Hindustan Times, dated 8-9-1989 under the caption "Bungling in Consumer Federation." ;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn *to* the rejoinder given by the NCCF on 5-10-1988 in Hindustan Times and the footnote of the correspondent of the Hindustan Times of sticking to his guns ;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take against the NCCF and the officer responsible for creating this mess in the organisation resulting in huge loss of over Rs. 9 crore as pointed out by CAG in its report; and

(d) whether Government propose to order auditing, inspection and inquiry under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) NCCF management have initiated a number of enquiries into various cases of losses and irregularities and have been pursuing action against the erring officials . In a few cases the services of the officers concerned have been dispensed with.

(d) No, Sir.

Report of National Labour Institute on the condition of Agricultural Labour in Bakhari and Begusarai District in Bihar

1366. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether the Labour Institute has prepared a report on the condition of agriculture labour in Bakhari in Begusarai district of Bihar; if so, what action has been taken so far on it ; if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHANAN MALAVIYA) : The National Labour Institute had prepared a Report on Organisation Building by Agriculture Labour in Bakhari. A copy of the Report has already been sent to the State Govt, of Bihar. It is for the State Government to consider and examine further action.